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by bruce campbell

Rollo May on power

Rollo May, well-known psychoanalyst and author, last night lashed out at people who withdraw into a new innocence as "a protection from the terrors of history."

Speaking to an overflow audience at Loyola College, May said that flower children and hippies are examples of people who deny history, and spoke of seeing "the boots of armies crushing the heads of those who oversimplify the problems of war."

May, who calls himself an "underground psychologist," proposes instead the development of "a new sense of power, constructive, competitive power."

Violence, upheavals, and radical change are the symptoms of a "bankrupt age." May feels that the world is entering a new era, in which individuals are calling for recognition.

As an example of the popular outcry for new and more human forms of life, he quotes a leader of the Attica Prison uprising who declared, "We don't want to be treated as numbers anymore, we will be treated as human beings."

May calls for a recognition of power as a positive force. He feels that innocence of the realities of power has been destructive.

Such innocence led the United States into Vietnam, for example. Americans, he said, "have hidden behind their self-righteousness. We don't fight wars, we fight crusades."

Power in this form is manipulative, it is always used against someone. This view of

power leads to such ideas as that the US presence in Vietnam is "the Viet Cong's fault, they deep defending themselves."

The capitalist system, May feels, has led to this misunderstanding of power as evil. The capitalists could not accept the idea of their power because they could not accept responsibility for it.

There is another form of power that is not manipulative or exploitative, however. This power is "positive, human power."

Men must accept responsibility for the use of power. May quoted the late Martin Luther King whose nonviolence was a "way of disarming," a form of positive power.

May feels that man can create his new world only if he is able to commit himself to the struggle against manipulative power.

He struck out at those who feel that "man can no longer be trusted with the control of his own destiny." He had particularly harsh words for the ideas of Harvard psychologist B. F. Skinner, who last year received an honorary degree from McGill.

Skinner has proposed the psychological control of mankind through a form of conditioning and reward that he has developed. In his recent writings, Skinner states that men are victims of psychological forces and the control of man is necessary for survival, a view opposed by existential humanists such as Erich Fromm and May.

May attacked Skinner as "naive." He received hearty applause from the audience when he stated that "Skinner feels that mankind can't control itself, therefore Skinner has volunteered to do the controlling." He said that Skinner's failure to consider what values the controllers of society would have leads necessarily to a "totalitarian system," where control becomes an end in itself.

"The new world is not going to be born without a struggle. Nobody gives up manipulative power without a struggle. We must think of conflict as a positive, not negative value." May said that struggle does not necessarily mean violence, but that "we will always be on the edge of violence."



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ROLLO MAY WANTS YOU to control your own life. The author-psychoanalyst waxed eloquent yesterday on ideas ranging from youth culture to US involvement in Vietnam: "It's the Viet Cong's fault, they keep on defending themselves."

by marsha fine

Controllers decry controls

The Canadian Club, an association of business leaders, held one of its meetings yesterday, this time to discuss ways in which universities are changing.

Four university leaders were invited to discuss problems of the university in Quebec.

"Nothing will affect the quality of life in this province more than the role which will be reserved therein to our universities. Government control, student participation, unionization of staff and faculty, financial deficits—the problems are innumerable and, perhaps, insoluble." So the advance warnings read.

Dennis M. Healy, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's University, spoke first. He seemed to fear the loss of prestige his university is undergoing, especially over the division of powers between itself and the government.

"The Federal government meets one half of all costs of post-secondary education." Through this financial assistance the government exerts a kind of power. He felt that this was also the case with many other Canadian universities.

The loss of prestige is due to the university's lack of autonomy, he continued. "We are told to educate people to meet the needs of society, but these needs are not clear."

He expressed a fear that the quality of education would suffer if there was too much government interference.

On a Tofflerian note, Paul Lacoste, Vice-Rector Executif of the Université de Montréal, explained that students are aware that their knowledge will become obsolete by graduation. He stressed that change in the university is bound up with change in society and that there must be an "increase of consciousness for the large segment of the population."

Administrations must place themselves in a "perpetual state of interrogation," he warned.

Along with the others, he was concerned that the government is "playing a greater and greater part in financial control, and no longer only wants to know how it is spent, but also wants a part in planning." Certain standards must be maintained, he said, echoing Healy.

But it was John O'Brien, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Sir George Williams University, who really brought out the fears of English university administrations in Quebec.

Referring to the switch from a four to a three-year undergraduate program, he predicted that present methods of government grants would not "work well for universities whose enrolment is leveling off or falling."

He added that the universities have little control over government grants but he was "sure that the English community will have certain concerns that they will want to safeguard during this period of change."

"First among these concerns of course will be the continuation of university-level education in the English language. The reasons for this are evident."

"Had there been only one English language university in Quebec, I doubt that there would be the range of opportunities that is now available. Were there to be only one in the future, I doubt that the same range could continue to exist."

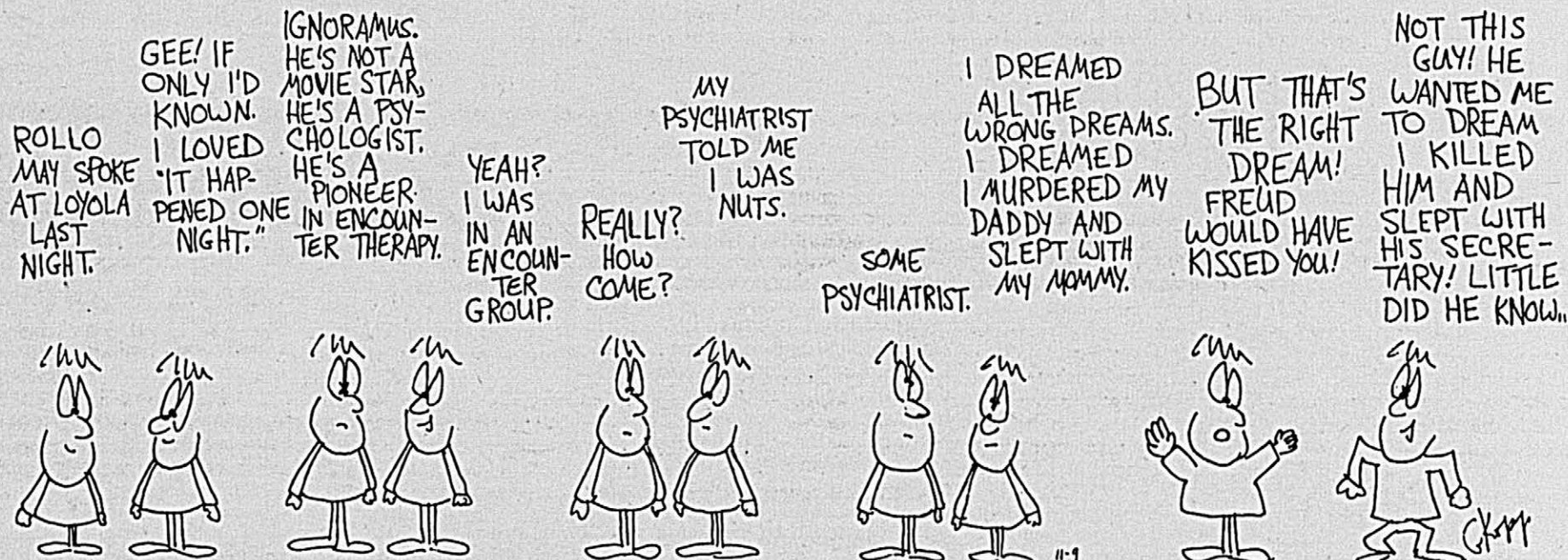
He discussed the proposed Loyola-Sir George Williams merger, explaining that there was a need for the universities to provide services to the "English community and Quebec and Canada generally." He applauded the "extensive evening programs" at both schools, and felt in general that the merger would be a good thing academically.

The last speaker, Michael K. Oliver, Vice-Principal (Academic) of McGill, agreed with most of what had been said, and reiterated the fear that the government might have too much power in deciding university policy.

Oliver called for the "creation of a network of universities which is in some sense a substitute for the individual university." He added that since funds were limited, the role of the English university would be to preserve "a range and variety in higher education."

"It is absolutely vital for English universities to learn to collaborate more closely so that limited government finances will not be wasted."

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LETTERS

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Dear Sirs:

After reading the *Daily*, for the past two months, and feeling sick in reading it; I can only say that the *McGill Daily* appears to be an official organ of *Pravda* or *Trud*. I say this because the *Daily* has turned into or was all along the most predictable newspaper I've ever read. Every day brings yet another attack on "U.S. Imperialism" or Capitalism in one of its facets. Most of the *Daily's* political articles always have the unmistakable smell of being anti-Capitalist and pro-Socialist and Communist.

In the first place, how can you continually attack the United States for being Imperialistic, and omit mention of the Communist Russians and Chinese? The latter two nations, have always displayed a great deal more Imperialistic feeling and actions than the United States. In the case of Russia, just ask any Hungarian, Czechoslovakian, Yugoslavian, Pole, Bulgarian, Lithuanian, . . . (the list is endless) if the state of Mother Russia is not Imperialistic in nature. The Chinese, by their recent admission to the U.N. will now be able to add a bit of legality to their designs for controlling the affairs of other states. In the past the Chinese showed their colors, in attacks on Tibet, Nepal, and by the training and sending of so-called revolutionaries, who were in fact murder squads, all over the World.

The *Daily* has always given print for the Communist and Socialist ideas of liberation and brotherhood. Germaine Greer of *Female Eunuch* fame said in one of the articles on her that "only in a Socialist society could women liberate themselves". That is one example of the intellectual crap which the *Daily* prints. In a Socialist or Communist society women would be liberated to clean streets, drive busses, and collect garbage. Oh boy, how lovely! The truth of the matter is, that when Socialists and Communists preach liberation and brotherhood, they are promising to enmesh their supporters in the tightly-knit web of Socialist slavery. Liberation to the Communists is the freedom to be sent to Siberia, the freedom to have to tell the police wherever you are, the freedom to have to apply for travel permits, the freedom to have to apply for a work permit when you want to work, etc. This is not liberation, this is out and out slavery.

Also the Communists are always preaching brotherhood between men and the fact that people should always put their interests after those of the state. Is that freedom? To be free, people must be able to be completely independent and in-

dividualistic. If they are part of some dehumanizing system like Socialism they will lose themselves as they go and struggle for their "fellow man" and forget about themselves. They will not be free in any sense of the word. Capitalism on the other hand, promises to allow everyone to do what they want to do, as long as they respect the rights of others. Capitalism allows men to be what they want as long as they have the brains to be something. Capitalism allows people to demonstrate freely, except today it's sad to see people demonstrating against the better system: Capitalism and for the much worse systems of Socialism and Communism. Capitalism produces people who are strong mentally, principled, honest, individualistic and truly liberated and free. On the other hand Socialism and Communism produce people who are weak, corrupt, tricky, and parasitic; in that they have to depend on others to survive, because Socialism and Communism have drained their will to live, ambition, determination and zest for life. Just visit some of the Communist countries, as I have, and see how few people smile. Everybody is afraid that the next person is a K.G.B. agent. Is that any way to live? It isn't, but many supposedly intelligent people are advocating these systems for us. The *Daily* can only be thanked for nothing, for telling the students of McGill all about the latest Communists and their antics and completely forgetting about the other side. Wake up McGill, do not stand for Communist lies and propaganda any longer.

David Marcus Elbel
BA E 1

The M.D., C.M., M.Sc.,
F.A.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.,
F.R.C.S.(C) replies

Sir,

Reference your issue of Friday, October 29, 1971, page 5: It is now 44 years to the month since I first received honourable (I) mention in your publication, then as now, competing for McGill's excellence and dominance in a chosen field. I cannot say that the literary style or accuracy of reporting has improved over the years.

The *Montreal Daily Star* in its Postscript issue of October 29th carries a report of the same meeting that your Miss Fine writes about. The contrast between the two articles is fascinatingly unbelievable; certainly the two reporters could not have attended the same meeting. The *Star's* report is almost completely factual while that of the *Daily* bears no relationship to truth concerning the events or statements of the evening.

May I ask you, Mr. Editor, to request of your reporters that they (1) confine themselves to

objective reporting, (2) to use quotation marks only for direct and accurate quotations and (3) to ascertain their facts before writing, even to the extent of accurate spelling of proper names. After my 44 years of membership in the McGill family, as student and teacher, I do not feel this last is too much to ask.

The obvious personal disrespect of your reporter is fully matched by my own disrespect, even contempt, for her reporting, accuracy and literary abilities.

George B. Maughan,
M.D., C.M., M.Sc.,
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F.R.C.S. (C), Obstetrician and Gynaecologist-in-Chief, Royal Victoria Hospital; Professor and Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Editor's note: Dr. Geoffrey Maughan is certainly justified in insisting that we spell his name right. Our apologies go out to Dr. Melghen on this score. However, Dr. Moghul's account of the differences between our story and that appearing in the Montreal Star cannot be taken seriously, since he cites no specific inaccuracies. Is Dr. Mabuse himself reliable? He seems unaware that the Star abandoned the word "Daily" in its name over a decade ago. By all accounts, our reports of Dr. Magoo's statements were accurate.

A Frosty rejoinder

Dear Sir:

Given that my alarm and indignation over the proposed foreign student fee increase were misdirected, resulting in an unjustified attack on McGill's attitude towards foreign students, it remains to point out that the original article in the *Daily* gave the impression that the proposed fee structure was under serious consideration by Senate, not that it was in fact a Quebec government proposal vigorously opposed by McGill. The *Daily* devoted only a few paragraphs to coverage of only one side of a debate crucial to many McGill students; it gave no indication of the involvement of the Quebec government; it made no mention of any serious opposition to the fee proposal, either within Senate or on the part of McGill as a whole; and it certainly gave no hint that McGill already had a fairly well-defined policy regarding foreign student fees. Beside such journalistic irresponsibility, I consider my errors, which were based on your inadequate and misleading reporting, to be very minor offenses.

I am glad to support McGill's stand on the issue as expressed by Vice-Principal Frost and am

grateful that our exchange of letters has brought the true facts out into the open. Perhaps now a good deal of student and faculty support will emerge for McGill's position vis-à-vis the Quebec government, a result which I would consider well worth the momentary tumult created by my letter. Perhaps also the McGill administration will pay closer attention to the *Daily's* reporting of its activities and try to correct any erroneous impressions that might result, in the interests of the entire university community.

Incidentally, why should I ever think that a phone call to the Registrar's office would give me further information on a matter that, for all I could tell, was still at the level of Senate debate, with no decision yet made and no policy yet formulated?

I hope this will set the record straight.

Diana C. Bouchard
M.A.2

For the reference of *Daily* readers, perhaps you could reprint the relevant paragraphs from the *Daily* of October 28.

"Senate gathered for discussion and decision yesterday and managed to cover the matters of supplementary salaries, the controversial proposed budget and the report on University Tuition Fees.

The latter proposes in part to 'reduce tuition fees for Canadian students to \$500; (excluding the cost of student services) and to increase fees for non-Canadians to \$2,500.'

Included also are statistics showing 'that in some departments Canadians only constituted 40 percent of the students registered.' Non-Canadian post-graduates constitute 60 percent of the enrolment. Such a drastic increase would probably alter the post-graduate population somewhat.

This proposal, and the proposed budget, were tabled."

Ed. note: Our article did not state that the proposal to raise fees for foreign students emanated from the McGill administration. It merely said that Senate was debating such a proposal. Perhaps we should have mentioned that the proposal originated with the Quebec government; perhaps, on the other hand, Miss Bouchard should not have jumped to a conclusion that was not justified by the information available to her.

The *Daily* is preparing an article on McGill's budgetary situation and the possible effects of various administration and other proposals that are being discussed at present. We hope this will clear up some of the confusion surrounding the fee hike proposal and other questions.

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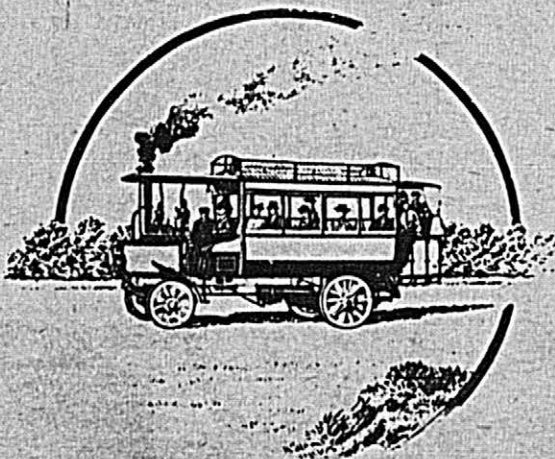
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